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BACKGROUND---KASHMIR TALKS CONCLUDED

- I. End of Indo-Pak Prime Ministers' talks on Kashmir announced 18 May. Communiqué indicates no real progress made toward solution of problem.
 - A. Wording of communiqué meaningless, uninformative--"It was decided to continue these talks at a later stage, after full consideration has been given by both Governments to various points that had been discussed..."
 - B. Same sort of language used in past to announce failure reach agreement on major points.
- II. Subsidiary communiqué, issued 17 May, which deals with discussion of means avoiding border clashes (such as 7 May incident, when 12 Indians reported killed), suggests some progress on preventing future occurrences.
 - A. This is a minor problem, however, since such clashes have been occurring for years without arousing major

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II. India obviously outwaiting Pakistan, firm in belief Paks eventually will have to accept status quo.

A. Paks may eventually agree to partition Kashmir along present cease-fire line, as desired by India.